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REG0006817 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff, AZ N2736 Pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), this Notice announces the completion of an inventory of human remains under the control of the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff, Arizona. The remains were removed from the Van Liere Site, a Hohokam settlement in Maricopa County, Arizona, in 1978. Notice 03/07/2017

REG0006818 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - San Diego Museum of Man, San Diego, CA; Correction N2721 Pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), this Notice announces the correction of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects under the control of the San Diego Museum of Man in San Diego, California. The remains and objects were removed in the La Jolla area of San Diego, and the inventory was announced in a Notice published on Jan. 27, 2016. Notice 03/07/2017

REG0006819 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff, AZ; Correction N2735 This Notice corrects an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects completed by the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff, Arizona, and published on Sept. 11, 2006 (71 FR 53469). The remains and objects were removed from the Cashion site in Maricopa County, Arizona. Notice 03/07/2017

REG0006820 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items - Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Denver, CO N2745 Pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), this is a Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items under the control of the Denver Museum of Nature & Science in Denver, Colorado. The six cultural items, masks from the Onondaga Reservation in New York, meet the definition of sacred objects. Notice 03/07/2017